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22.	पंजाब	101. अमृतसर	5
		102. पटियाला	3
		103. लुधियाना	6
23.	सिक्किम	104. गंगटोक	1
24.	त्रिपुरा	105. अगरतला	4
25.	नागालैंड	106. कोहिमा	1
		107. दीमापुर	1
		108. मोक कचंग	1
26.	अरुणाचल प्रदेश	109. ईटानगर	1
27.	मिजोरम	110. आईजाल	1
28.	पांडिचेरी	111. पांडिचेरी	1
29.	अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीपसमूह	112. पोर्ट ब्लेयर	1
	योग :		537

देश में कुल 1018 रक्त बैंक हैं। अन्य 481 रक्त बैंक देश के अन्य जिलों और छोटे कस्बों में स्थित हैं।

Molestation of female interns and house surgeons in Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College, New Delhi

1396. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been cases of eve-testing and molestation of female interns and house surgeons on night-duty in Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College (NHMC), New Delhi by certain Senior Doctors as reported in the Hindustan Times of 22nd September, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what action Government have taken against the persons found guilty; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to safeguard the honour and dignity of female doctors in NHMC and other Medical Colleges in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of reported press coverage in the Hindustan Times dated 22nd September, 1992. The matter was inquired into by the Principal, Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College, New Delhi, but the allegations could not be substantiated.

(d) However, the Delhi Administration has instructed the Principal of Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College to take necessary steps and tighten security arrangements to safeguard the honour and dignity of the female staff and female doctors especially those working on night duty. Doctors are responsible professionals who are used to working with colleagues of the opposite sex. Further,

the provisions in the Rules relating to Conduct and Discipline are meant to check misbehaviour.

Purchase of I.V. fluids from outside in Safdarjung Hospital

1397. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that recently Safdarjung Hospital authorities violated the norms prescribed by the Ministry by opting to buy intervenous I.V. fluids at higher rates from outside agencies rather than from Government owned Medical Store Depot which usually supplies these fluids at a much lower cost to the hospitals;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to fix the responsibility for this lapse;

(c) whether any departmental enquiry has been initiated against the officials responsible at the Safdarjung Hospital;

(d) if so, whether the losses suffered by Government would be recovered from the officials held responsible; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (e) Safdarjung Hospital has reported that the procurement of I.V. Fluids were to be made from the following 4 Government undertaking firms :—

(i) M/s. Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pune.

(ii) M/s. Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Gurgaon.

(iii) M/s. Bengal Immunity, Calcutta.

(iv) M/s. U.P. Drugs & Pharmaceutical Ltd., Lucknow.

The rate enquiry was called from abovementioned 4 firms and purchases were made from the M/s. Bengal Immunity being the lowest approved, failing which from M/s. U.P.D.P.L., Lucknow being the second lowest. In some cases when both the approved firms failed to supply the material and purchases were made from M/s. Super Bazar to meet immediate requirements.

Selection under central quota of seats in Medical Colleges

1398. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the students in Mizoram State launched an agitation demanding that the Central Government should select only legal students to fill up the central quota seats in medical colleges;

(b) if so, what are the facts which led to the agitation; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the rules making the local linquistic identity as criteria for selection under central quota ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) Reports were received that students in the State of Mizoram launched an agitation against the nomination of non-Mizo students by the State Government in respect of the central quota seats alloted to the State.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Study on the consumption of Tobacco

1399. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that consumption of tobacco has been on the increase in the country for the last three years; if so the details thereof ?

(b) whether Government have studied the impact of statutory warning on the use of tobacco by general masses in the country;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any study to ascertain the impact of use of tobacco on cancer and other diseases and if so, the details thereof; and